REMARKS

Claims 71-89 are pending. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 71, 73-77, and 80-87 and for indicating that claims 72, 78, 77, 88 and 89 contain allowed subject matter.

Applicants canceled claims 72, 78 and 79.

Applicants amend claim 88 to correct the objected to antecedence basis.

Regarding claim 89, Applicants amended the claim to resolve the objected to antecedent basis. Applicants also further amended the claim to correct omissions.

The Applicants further amended claims 71, 87 and 88 to recite 'solvent diluted tailings component' and 'process', where appropriate.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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